THE MINISER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) the Government of India stands by the Rajiv-Longowal Accord and is committed to implement the same. Out of the 11 items in the Accord 8 have been mostly implemented and for the 3 that remain, *viz*, (i) All-India Gurdwara Act, (ii) Territorial claims (*i.e.* Transfer of Chandigarh to Punjab), and (iii) Sharing of river waters, sincere efforts are continuing to arrive at commonly acceptable solutions, in consultation with all the concerned parties.

Awards announcement by various organisations

1710. SHRI P. UPENDRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether several organisations are announcing awards for distinguished persons in various walks of life;

(b) whether complaints have been received against such organisations who have been using the awards giving functions for illegal collection of funds; and

(c) what action has been taken by Government on these complaints?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED): (a) to (c) from time to time, reports do appear in the Press about private organisations conferring various kinds of Awards on distinguished persons. Essentially, these are matters between the private organisations and those who associate themselves with such organisations. They have no bearing on the functioning of the Government. Action is possible only when laws are violated and the manner of functioning of the private organisations is found to be prejudicial to the working of the Government.

Identity Cards of Voters

1711. SHRI JAGDISH PRASAD MATHUR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether proper effective steps are being taken to implement the Election Commission recommendations that Identity Cards be provided to every voter in the country by the year 1995; and

(b) whether Identity cards are being immediately provided to Indian citizens on country's borders to check particularly infilteration from Pakistan and Bangladesh with details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED): (a) and (b) the Election Commission of India has been requested to reconsider its recommendation to provide Identity Cards to every voter in the country by the year 1995, keeping in view the enormous cost and practical difficulties involved in its implementation. However, the Government have decided to introduce a Scheme of Identity Cards in the border States of Rajasthan, Gujarat, Punjab, Assam, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Tripura, West Bengal and Bihar with a view to check infiltration from across the borders. The concerned State Governments have been requested to complete the ground work urgently so that distribution of Identity Cards may start immediately.

Issue of I Cards to Indian Citizens residing in some of the States

1712. SHRI DAVID LEDGER: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government are actively considering a proposal to issue Identity Cards to Indian Citizens residing in some of the States?

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) what are the names of the States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

(SHRI P. M. SAYEED): (a) to (c) the Government have decided to introduce a Scheme of Identity Cards in the Border States of Rajasthan, Gujarat, Punjab, Assam, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Tripura, West Bengal and Bihar with a view to check infiltration from across the borders.

Expenditures incurred by Central Government for providing security

1713. SHRI S. MADHAVAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the expenditure incurred by the Central Government in providing security to individuals including Ministers during the years 1977-78, 1984-85 and 1991-92;

(b) whether the police personnels associations have raised objections to the increase in the deployment of their men in such security work; and

(c) whether there is any proposal to employ private security services for this purposes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Steps to curb the activities of ISI

1714. SHRI JAGDISH PRASAD MATHUR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether ISI (Pakistan's Services Intelligence's) plot to set off Bombay type blasts in Andhra Pradesh has been recently unearthed, if so, what are the details thereof; and

(b) the measures Government propose to take to curb activities of ISI in India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) As per information furnished by the State Govt. of Andhra Pradesh, the Hyderabad City Police had arrested four persons allegedly having links with the ISI of Pakistan. Involvement of these persons in the four bomb explosions that occured in Hyderabad City is suspected.

(b) Govt. is alive to the situation and are taking all necessary steps in this regard which include gearing up of intelligence machinery, coordinated action by Central and State agencies, deployment of para-military forces, intensified patrolling as well as construction of border fencing and flood-lighting in vulnerable stretches of Indo-Pak border.

Screening Committee for Selection of IPS Officers

1715. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL ALIAS MEEM AFZAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to the answered to Unstarred Question 351 given in Rajya Sabha on 28th July, 1993 and state:

(a) why the screening Committee for selection of police officers for training in India and abroad is predominantly consist of officers from the same services of IPS;

(b) what are the safeguards against personal factors coming in to play about the members of the same service coming under consideration;

(c) why many other Directors General of Police are denied the membership of the Selection Committee, if they hold the same rank as the other IPS members of the Screening Committee;

(d) which level in the Ministry of Home Affairs decides about the submission of the recommendations of the screening Committee to the Union Home Minister;

(e) whether it is a fact that apart from the Home Minister himself asking for such papers, it is left entirely to the officials to decide whether certain recommendations are to be submitted at all to the Home Minister; and

(f) why the recommendations of the Committee are not submitted to the Home Minister as a rule?